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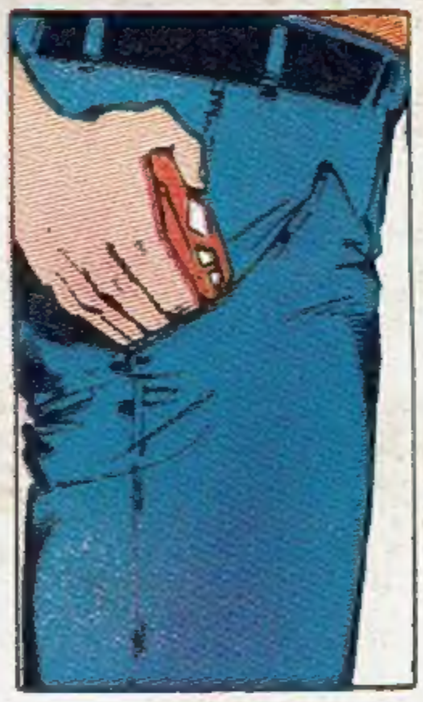

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CODE NAME: gravedigger

YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT'S THE COMBAT-HAPPY JOES OF EASY COMPANY CHARGIN' UP THAT HILL! BUT THAT ISN'T ME--SGT. ROCK--LEADIN'!

THE MAN CALLED HIMSELF GRAVEDIGGER--BUT FANCY NAMES HAVE TO BE EARNED IN EASY...AND THAT'S SOMETHIN' YOU'LL LEARN WHEN YOU READ ABOUT THAT...

C'MON, EASY--FOLLOW ME!

NIGHT ON NICKNAME HILL!

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HEY, ROCK! WHEN'S EASY GET BACK TO THE WAR?

BRITISH COMMAND SAYS WE CUT AN AIRFIELD IN THESE WEEDS, SO WE CUT AN AIRFIELD!

AND AS LONG AS EASY IS ATTACHED TO BRITISH COMMAND, WE OBEY THEIR ORDERS!

AND JUST IN TIME.., HERE COMES THE PLANE!

RATATATATATATATATATAT!

RATATATATATATATAT!

YEAH, AND HERE COMES THE WAR!

KRAUTS! DIVE FOR COVER, EASY!

KEEP FIRIN'! KEEP 'EM PINNED DOWN! COMMAND SAYS AN IMPORTANT REPLACEMENT'S ON THAT PLANE!

RATATATATAT

PLANE'S HIT, ROCK!

CRUMMMP

TATATATATATAT

ONLY A SECOND TICKS BY UNTIL THE METAL HATCH OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT IS KICKED OPEN--!

NICE RECEPTION, BUT IT AIN'T STOPPIN' GRAVEDIGGER FROM COMIN' THROUGH!

TATATATAT

FWAMM

I DON'T KNOW *WHY* COMMAND'S SO ALL-FIRED ANXIOUS TO HAVE YOU AROUND, *GRAVEDIGGER*, SIR, BUT ANYONE WHO HANDLES THAT *TYPEWRITER* LIKE *YOU* DO IS *WELCOME* IN EASY!

RATATATATATAT

RATATATATATATAT

WE'VE DRIVEN THEM BACK, BUT THEY'LL SOON --

UNNN!

BLAM

BLAM

ROCK'S HIT! MEDIC! MEDIC!

A LULL IN THE BATTLE AS ROCK IS TENDED BY A MEDIC...

IF YOU'RE DOWN FOR THE *COUNT*, ROCK, IT LOOKS LIKE *I'M* RANKIN' MAN HERE!

WHAT'S *NEXT* FOR EASY?

YOU'RE WRONG THERE, BULLDOZER! YOU SEE THOSE *TRACKS* ON *GRAVE-DIGGER'S* HELMET? *HE'S* RANKING MAN, SO *HE* LEADS EASY!

YOU GOT IT, SERGEANT! MY ORDERS ARE STRAIGHT FROM THE *PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES* *!

BUT THEY'RE *SEALED* -- NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL I'M AT *THE TOP OF THAT HILL!*

I'M *JOHNSON*, CAP'N, SIR, AN' I'D BETTER TELL YOU -- EASY'S RIGHT *LOYAL* TO ROCK AND THEY DON'T HANKER TO FOLLOW *ANYONE* ELSE!

*LAST ISSUE -- PAUL!

AN' EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE RANKING MAN, YOU GOTTA *PROVE* YOURSELF TO EASY!

ALL RIGHT BY *ME*, JOHNSON--AS LONG AS *EASY* PROVES IT-SELF TO ME!

MOVE *OUT*, EASY!

SGT. ROCK AND HIS BOYS ARE ALMOST *LEGEND*! I JUST WISH F.D.R. HAD TOLD ME JUST *WHO* I WAS RENDEZVOUSING WITH!

HIT THE DIRT!

RATATATATATATATAT

VIP VIP VIP VIP VIP

TZIP TZIP

BEEEOW

MACHINE GUN NEST UP ON THAT RIDGE!

WE GOTTA KNOCK *IT* OUT BEFORE WE CAN MOVE ANOTHER INCH!

JOHNSON! WHO'S THE BEST MAN?

THEY'RE *ALL* THE BEST, CAP'N! YOU CAN TELL WHAT THEY'RE BEST *AT* BY THEIR *NICKNAMES*--

--BULLDOZER...

...WILD MAN...

...ICE CREAM SOLDIER...

...AND LITTLE SURE SHOT!

OKAY--YOU! BULLDOZER! YOU AND I ARE HEADED FOR THAT *BOULDER*!

IS THAT HOW YOU'RE GONNA EARN *YOUR* NICKNAME, CAP'N GRAVEDIGGER--BY DIGGIN' *OUR* GRAVES?

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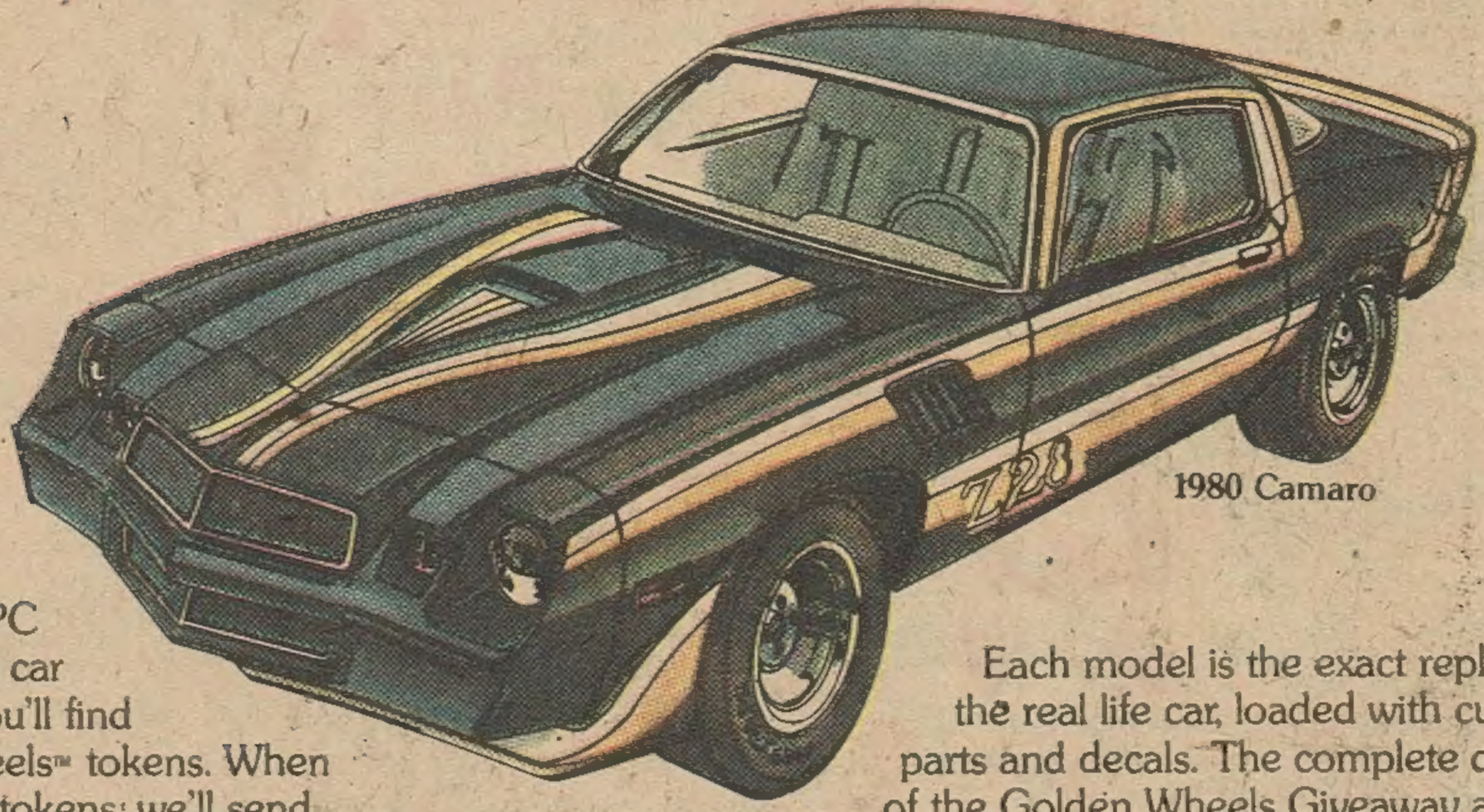

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PUSH! THE ROCK WILL COVER US UNTIL WE'RE CLOSE ENOUGH! PUSH!

PUSH!

YOU GOT IT! HANG ON TO YOUR HELMET!

KA-BRAMMMMM

YOU REALLY ARE A BULLDOZER!

HOLD THIS POSITION UNTIL YOU GET MY SIGNAL TO ADVANCE!

YES, SIR!

ONE HUNDRED YARDS AWAY...

RATATATATATATATAT

THIS WHOLE HILL'S LINED WITH MACHINE GUNNERS! THAT CAP'N IS A GRAVEDIGGER-- OURS!

TZIP

TZEEEE

VIP

VIP

WITHOUT WARNING--!

NOW IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK?

CAP'N GRAVEDIGGER!

HOW'D YOU SNEAK PAST THOSE MACHINE GUNNERS?

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NOW LISTEN UP WHILE I TRY AND GET US TO THE TOP OF THIS HILL!

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RATATATATATATATATAT

--AND SINCE SURE SHOT'S A CRACK SHOT, IT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

KPOW

KPOW

AND HERE'S WHERE I GO INTO MY ACT--!

AIEEEEEE!

KER-SPLASSSSHH

AND BACK IN THE UNDERBRUSH...

YOUR PLAN *WORKED*, CAP'N GRAVEDIGGER-- THEY WERE SO BUSY FIRING AT ICE CREAM SOLDIER THAT THEY DIDN'T NOTICE *ME* GETTING THE *BEAD* ON THEM...

OKAY--

--FIRE!

ARRRRRAAAAHH

KPOW

KPOW

YOU LIVED UP TO YOUR NAME FOR *SURE*, SURE-SHOT-- YOU ZEROED RIGHT *IN* ON THEM!

WHAT ABOUT *ME*, CAP'N GRAVEDIGGER? WHO *ELSE* COULD'VE TAKEN AN *EXTENDED DIP* IN *ICY* WATER BUT THE *ICE CREAM SOLDIER*?

HOLD THIS POSITION UNTIL I GET A SIGNAL TO YOU TO ADVANCE.

YES, SIR...

HE'S SOME SOLDIER-- REAL *EASY COMPANY* CALIBER! BUT HOW'S HE GOING TO *EARN* THAT NAME OF GRAVEDIGGER?

I AIN'T SURE I WANT TO *FIND OUT!*

I SEE THE GERMANS' PLANS NOW! THE SQUAD WHO ATTACKED MY PLANE DID SO JUST TO DRAW EASY ONTO THIS HILL...

...WHERE ALL THESE MACHINE GUN NESTS WERE WAITING FOR THEM!

BUT WHY ARE THEY GUARDING THIS HILL SO HEAVILY?

BLAM BLAM

BLAM

MAYBE WILD MAN AND JOHNSON HAVE SOME NOTION!

CAP'N, SIR-- THIS HILL'S LINED WITH MACHINE GUNNERS!

NOT ANY MORE! EASY'S KNOCKED 'EM ALL OUT--

TI...OP

ZING

VIP VIP VIP

-- EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE!

RATATATATAT

VIP VIP VIP VIP

OKAY, WILD MAN... ALL THE *REST* OF EASY'S LIVED UP TO THE *NICKNAMES*... IT'S NOW *YOUR* TURN.

WHAT'VE YOU GOT IN *MIND*, CAPTAIN?

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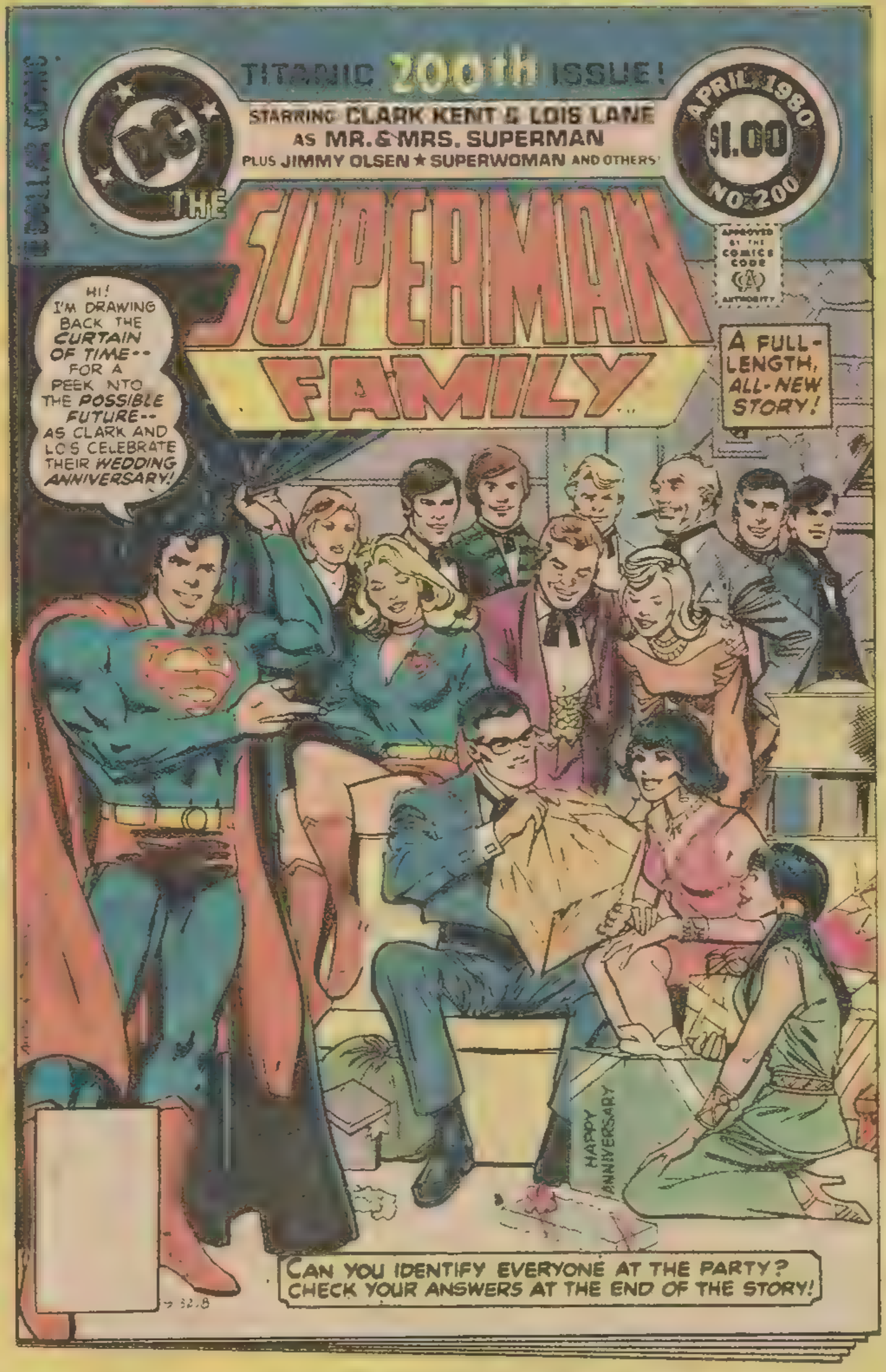
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PRETTY SLICK, CAP'N GRAVEDIGGER! THEIR BLASTING THE TOBACCO RIGHT OUTTA THAT WEED!

AND MISSING US! THE NEXT MOVE IS UP TO WILD MAN!

THERE IS NO MORE MOVEMENT!

THEY'RE DEAD FOR SURE!

WANNA BET?

THEN, FROM THE TREES LIKE A JUNGLE MAN--!

EEEEEEYYOOOWW

EYYYYYOOOOOW! I GOT ME MY OWN MACHINE GUN!

SHOOT HIM!

TOO LATE, JERRY -- MY REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED!

BLAM BLAM

RATATAT TATAT

BOY, AM I GLAD YOU TIMED THAT ONE ON THE NOSE, CAP'N!

AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE AS GOOD AT SWINGING THROUGH THE TREES AS YOUR NAMESAKE, WILDMAN!

ARRRAGH!

AIEEEE!

BLAM

BLAM BLAM

RATATATATATAT

WE'RE IN THE CLEAR! EASY'S NICKNAMES HAVE WON THIS HILL TONIGHT!

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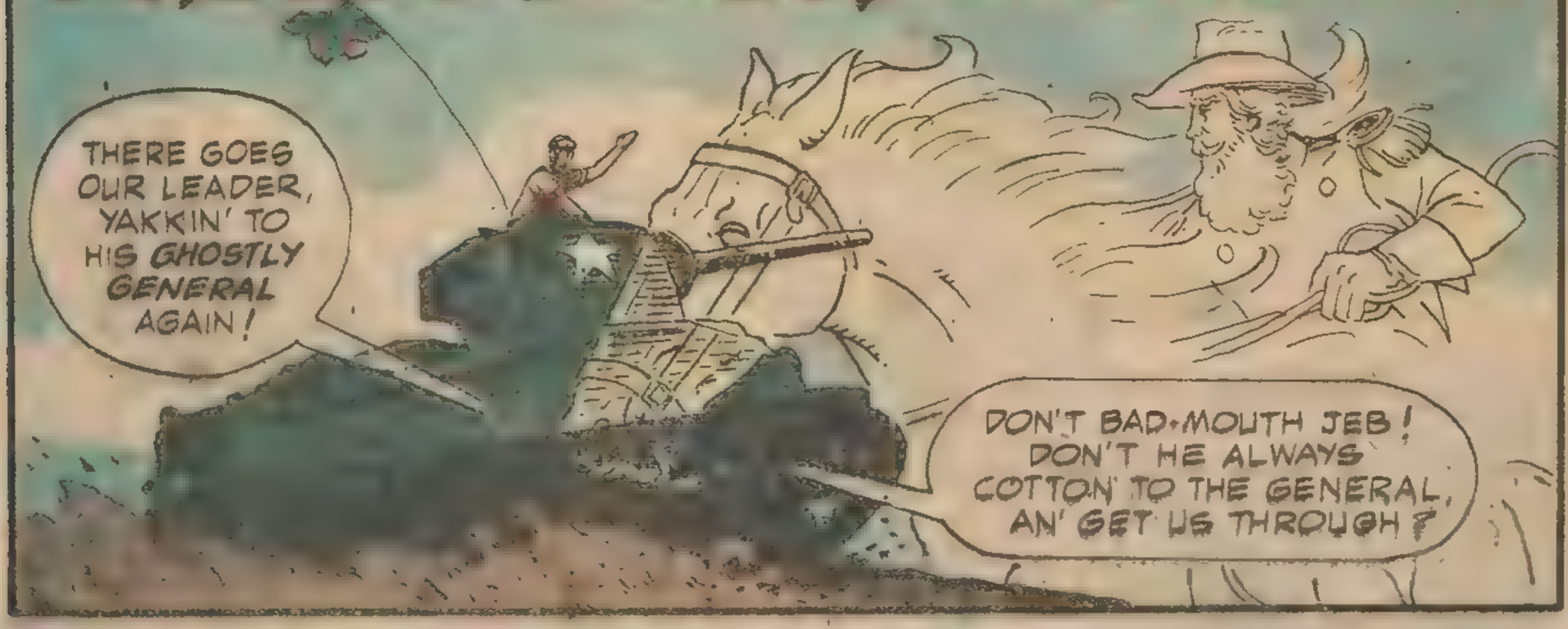
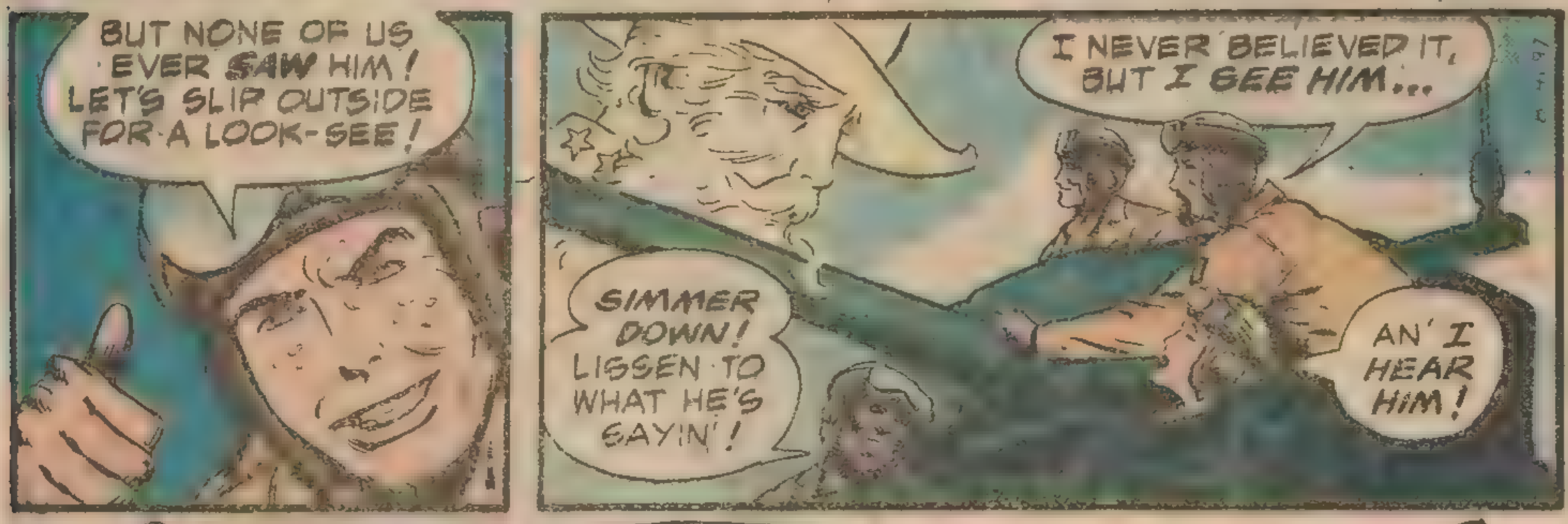

THERE GOES OUR LEADER, YAKKIN' TO HIS GHOSTLY GENERAL AGAIN!
DON'T BAD-MOUTH JEB! DON'T HE ALWAYS COTTON TO THE GENERAL, AN' GET US THROUGH IT?


BUT NONE OF US EVER SAW HIM! LET'S SLIP OUTSIDE FOR A LOOK-SEE!
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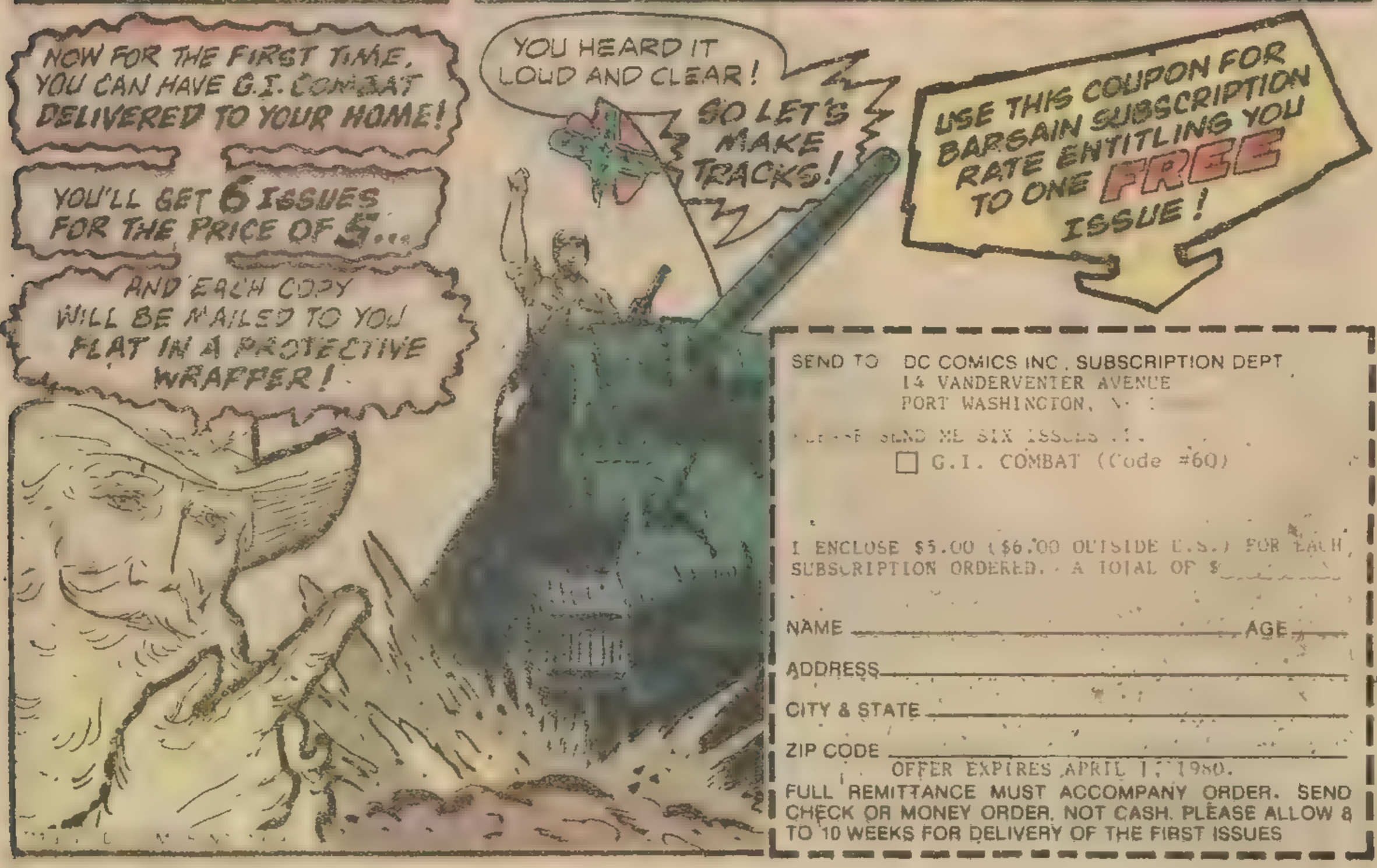
SIMMER DOWN! LISSEN TO WHAT HE'S SAYIN'!
AN' I HEAR HIM!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RATATATAT RATATATAT

THEY'RE THROWIN' EVERY MAN AND *RIFLE* AT US, GRAVEDIGGER! WHAT'S SO ALL-FIRED *IMPORTANT* ABOUT NICKNAME HILL?

ZIPP

BESIDES A SOLID *TACTICAL* POSITION, I DON'T *KNOW*!

I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE *LEARNED* WHAT'S AT THE *TOP* OF THIS HILL!

EASY! REGROUP!

HERE WE GO WITH OUR *PUSH*, EASY! WE'RE GOING TO LEARN WHAT THE GERMANS ARE SO *JEALOUS* ABOUT ON THE TOP OF THIS--

BARARARR RRROOOO

BARRARRROOOOMMMM

THAT'S IT! NICKNAME HILL'S THE HOME OF THEIR *BIG GUNS*!

HEAVY ARTILLERY!

NOW WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE AFTER--

EASY-- CHARGE!

WITH NEWLY-FIRED DETERMINATION, EASY COMPANY--WITH GRAVEDIGGER AT THE LEAD-- ONCE AGAIN BATTLES THEIR WAY UP THE WAR-TORN SIDE OF NICKNAME HILL...!

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CLIK CLIK CLIK CLIK

SHH! QUIET!? YOU HEAR THAT?

THEY'RE TURNING THE BIG GUN *OUR* WAY!

HIT THE DIRT!

BLAMMMMM

YEOWWW! IT'S TOO HOT FOR ME!

AND, FURTHER DOWN THE HILL...

THAT *BLAST!* THEY'VE GOT A BIG GUN-- BLASTING RIGHT AT EASY!

MAYBE WE OUGHT TO NAME THAT BIG GUN "GRAVEDIGGER"...

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...WHILE I RUN RIGHT DOWN THEIR THROAT!

IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IT'S THE ONLY ONE I HAVE!

BLAAAAAAAAM

IF ONLY I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH BEFORE I RUN OUT OF GRENADES!

KA-BLAM!

MISSED-- BUT IT SHOOK THEM UP FOR SURE! THEY DIDN'T THINK ANYONE WAS THAT *CLOSE!*

THIS IS IT!

BASKET! TWO POINTS!

BLAMMMM

THAT WAS *BEAUTIFUL!*

SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS! WE STILL HAVE TO *HOLD* NICKNAME HILL!

SUDDENLY--!

BLAMBLAM

TZIP

HIT THE DIRT, SIR!

KZIP

WHEW! REAL CLOSE! THAT WAS SNIPER FIRE! WE'VE GOT THE HILL!

AND I'VE GOT YOUR ORDERS-- UNSEALED BY THAT GUNFIRE!

SECRET

READ 'EM TO ME, ICE CREAM SOLDIER! I'VE GOT NO SECRETS FROM EASY NOW!

AND EASY'S GOT NONE FROM YOU, CAP'N!

WHO--!?

BLAM BLAM

SECRET

ROCK!! HOW!?

I COULDN'T LET EASY COME UP A HILL WITHOUT ME, COULD I? AND NONE OF YOU WERE CLOSE ENOUGH TO SNIPE THAT SNIPER!

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWIN' YOU FROM MACHINE GUN NEST TO NEST!

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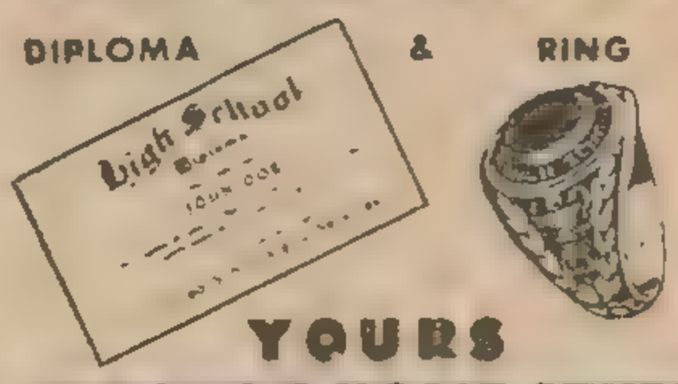

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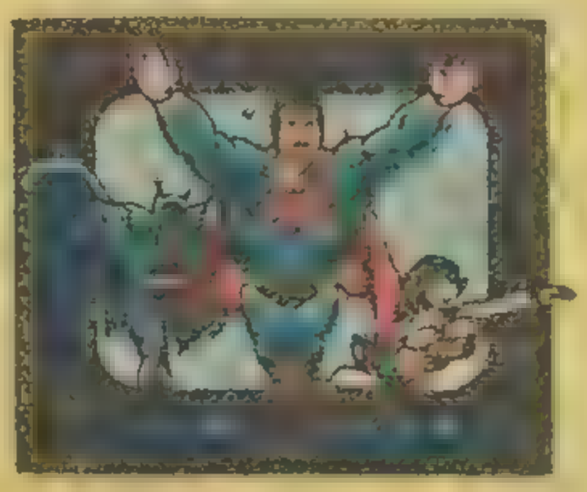

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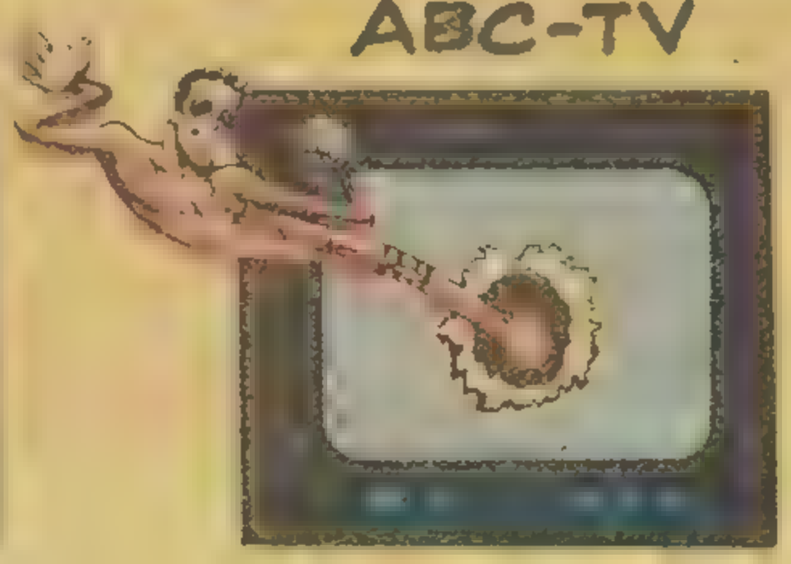

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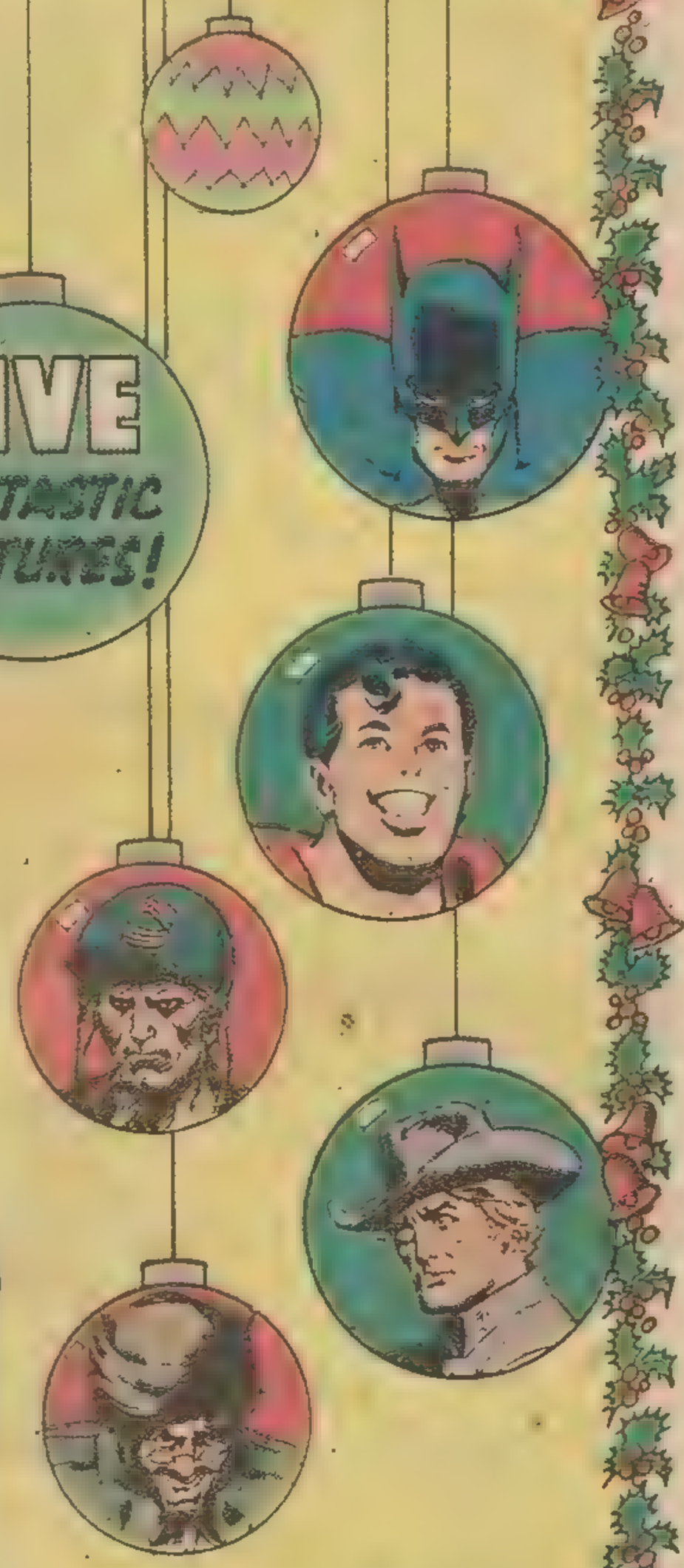

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THIS IS *NICKNAME HILL*, ROCK-- 'CAUSE WE ALL GRABBED IT BY USIN' OUR *MONIKERS!* 'CEPT FOR *GRAVEDIGGER* HERE...

ONE THING YOU AND EASY HAVE TO *UNDERSTAND*, BULLDOZER--

--A GRAVEDIGGER EARNS HIS NAME *AFTER* THE BATTLE IS OVER...

END

BATTLE LINES

Dear Editor,

At the top of the beautifully inked cover of *MEN OF WAR* #21 it reads "Two Fabulous Features." I must say your superlatives underestimate the originality and creativity you put into your work. The issue was not fabulous, it was stupendous.

"Home Is Where The Hell Is" brought into frightening perspective what might have been a reality for America in the early 1940's; a Nazi invasion on the east coast. Equally frightening was the ghastly method employed to carry out this takeover: stationing doppelgangers in sentinel towers along the coast to give the go-ahead for the Nazis.

Dateline:Frontline equalled the Gravedigger story in excellence. These Cary Burkett scripts discard the grim possibilities that Harris writes about in favor of chronicling the grim realities that faced everyone in those war torn years. These two series really balance out this comic book.

Alan Gary Giroux
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We've always tried to balance the features in MOW, using the back-features to give a different perspective on war (as in Dateline:Frontline) or a different atmosphere (as in the historical series Rosa or Enemy Ace) while considering the many types of men who fit our title.—PL.

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Dear Paul,

The dominant theme in recent letter columns has been centered around the decline of Gravedigger's early potential. Has the character retained the uniqueness of his first outing or has he simply been transformed into yet another "stock, carbon-copy" soldier so prevalent in today's comics? The answer, I believe, lies somewhere in the middle. It is on this topic that I would like to write about.

When Gravedigger burst on the DC scene a couple years ago, he arrived with all the trappings of a new star in the sky. The star was a black man, one of the few black heroes in comics, who was not only fighting the battles on the war front, but battling with his own country's prejudice as well. His determined rise from the crippling disease of polio gave him further impetus to succeed in the world and make something of himself. If he could conquer polio he should be able to withstand anything. Based on this assumption, Gravedigger took on only the most perilous assignments, including the now-classic break-in of the Pentagon. Perhaps by taking only the most suicidal missions, he could get his countrymen to take notice of himself. Being black, he had to do a little "extra" to achieve any recognition from his country. On this framework, the readers were treated to some of the best war tales ever seen in the genre

But then, something happened. It became fairly perceptible during the late McKenzie stint but took full force under Harris. Suddenly the uniqueness and determination inherent in the character was fading. Gravedigger's adventures, while still bordering on the near-suicidal, were becoming more akin to the Unknown Soldier's "Mission:Impossible" format. Harris could have even placed Sgt. Rock in Gravedigger's stead and the reader would never have noticed the difference. His fighting spirit, that grave sense of determination, was noticeably lacking. In fact, I could safely say that, (within limits), Gravedigger was nothing more than a puppet in the hands of Major Birch and the top brass. Gravedigger was no longer the rebel, but the "good soldier" jumping at the slightest order.

This is not to say that the tales were (and are) bad; quite the contrary. It's just that they could have been much better. The crossbones scar on Gravedigger's forehead, although very contrived, may help to remind the reader of Gravedigger's roots and what his character is all about. His latest stint in the states is a nice change of pace and it will be interesting to see where Harris goes with it. Gravedigger's break-in of the proving ground in issue #21 was very reminiscent of the Pentagon break-in, but lacked the realism of the latter. (Surely Gravedigger could have gotten word to the major in an easier fashion)!

I know I've rambled on a bit, but I thought you'd like to know one concerned reader's opinion. DC has always excelled in the war comics area and Men of War maintains that standard. But please, don't make Gravedigger totally indistinguishable from the other DC war stars. Put that "GRAVE determination" back in GRAVEdigger!

Mike Bates
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We buy into many of your criticisms, Mike, and we're trying to make some of the tone shifts you suggest. However, as of this issue, our opportunity to do so has ended. Unfortunately, this is the last issue of MEN OF WAR!—PL.

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BATTLE BULLETIN: We announced a contest for MEN OF WAR readers a few issues back, and before abandoning ship we're pleased to announce that BUD CAVADINI, Box 134, Cashton, Wisconsin 54619, has won a year's subscription for suggesting that the Dateline:Frontline series take a look at the German P.O.W.s interned here in the U.S., and allowed to leave their camps on work parties. The idea has been passed on to Cary Burkett, and with any luck at all, should show up in some pages within the next year.—Paul Levitz

THE DC FEATURE PAGE

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Q: What was the last issue of *DOORWAY TO NIGHTMARE*?—John Burrows. *A*: #5, though further tales have appeared in issues of *THE UNEXPECTED*.

Q: Where is *Lightning Lad* from?—Todd Wylie. *A*: The planet Wynath, also known as Amarta.

Q: Will the *Huntress* (who married the *Sportsmaster*) become a super-heroine as she said in *DC SUPER-STARS* #10?—Lawrence Chesla. *A*: If she plans to, she hasn't done anything about it yet.

Q: How much is *SUPERGIRL* #2 in mint condition worth?—Brian B. Brandenberg. *A*: 90¢.

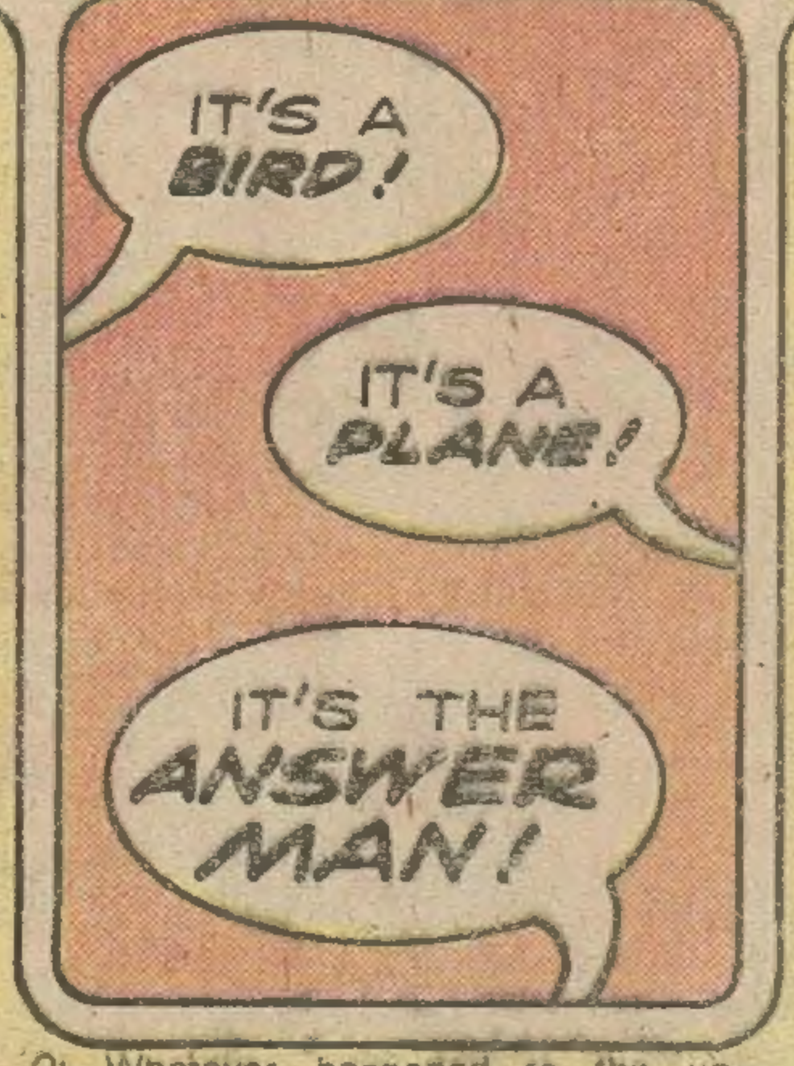
Q: What actress will be playing *Supergirl* in the second *Superman* movie?—Ken Garthwaite. *A*: As far as we know, *Supergirl* does not appear in the movie.

Q: Are there any black Amazons on Paradise Island?—V. Martinez. *A*: Not that we've seen, though Nubia, the black Wonder Woman, was raised there.

Q: How can *Superman* breathe in space?—David Levine. *A*: He doesn't have to, which is a good thing since there is no air in space.

Q: Who wrote *WONDER WOMAN* #'s 204 and 208?—Anthony J. Pignataro Jr. *A*: Probably Bob Kanigher.

Q: Do you think you could put every hero and villain you've ever made into a comic?—Dion Saenz. *A*: Not unless we're crazy!



Q: Whatever happened to the underwater base the *Challengers of the Unknown* set up in #53 of their mag?—Stan Higgins. *A*: It's probably still there, unused.

Q: How about a "ROOTS" comic?—Lindly Dukhan. *A*: We'll pass your suggestion along to the powers that be.

Q: Is Roy (*Speedy*) Harper related to Jim (*Guardian*) Harper?—Michael Grabois. *A*: Jim is an uncle of Roy's.

Q: What is *WEIRD WAR TALES* #3 worth?—Ted Gauld. *A*: 50¢ in good condition.

Q: How far was Krypton from Earth?—Unsigned. *A*: More than 25 light-years away.

Q: Could a real comics fanatic pay $10 for a day in the DC library?—Robert Sokalic. *A*: Sorry, the DC library is not open to the public at any price.

Q: Is *Sinestro*'s power ring affected by green?—Tom Geraghty. *A*: The questions about *Sinestro*'s powers should be cleared up by the series of tales currently running in *GREEN LANTERN*.

Q: Could an Earthman be projected into the Phantom Zone?—Andy J. *A*: Yes.

Q: How much would *BRAVE & BOLD* #82 cost?—Steve Dominello. *A*: It catalogs at $1.75 in good condition.

Q: Was there a *BLACK LIGHTNING* #12?—Benjamin Blank. *A*: No.

Q: What was the last issue of *SUPERGIRL*?—Ron Merkler. *A*: #10.

Q: Where did the *Warlord* get his helmet?—Tom Hobbs. *A*: Somewhere along the path of his adventures in Skartaris.

Q: Any chance of a *Green Lantern/Green Arrow* TV show?—Unsigned. *A*: Not in the near future.

Q: How much is *GREEN LANTERN* #90 worth in mint condition?—Ted Merwin. *A*: 60¢

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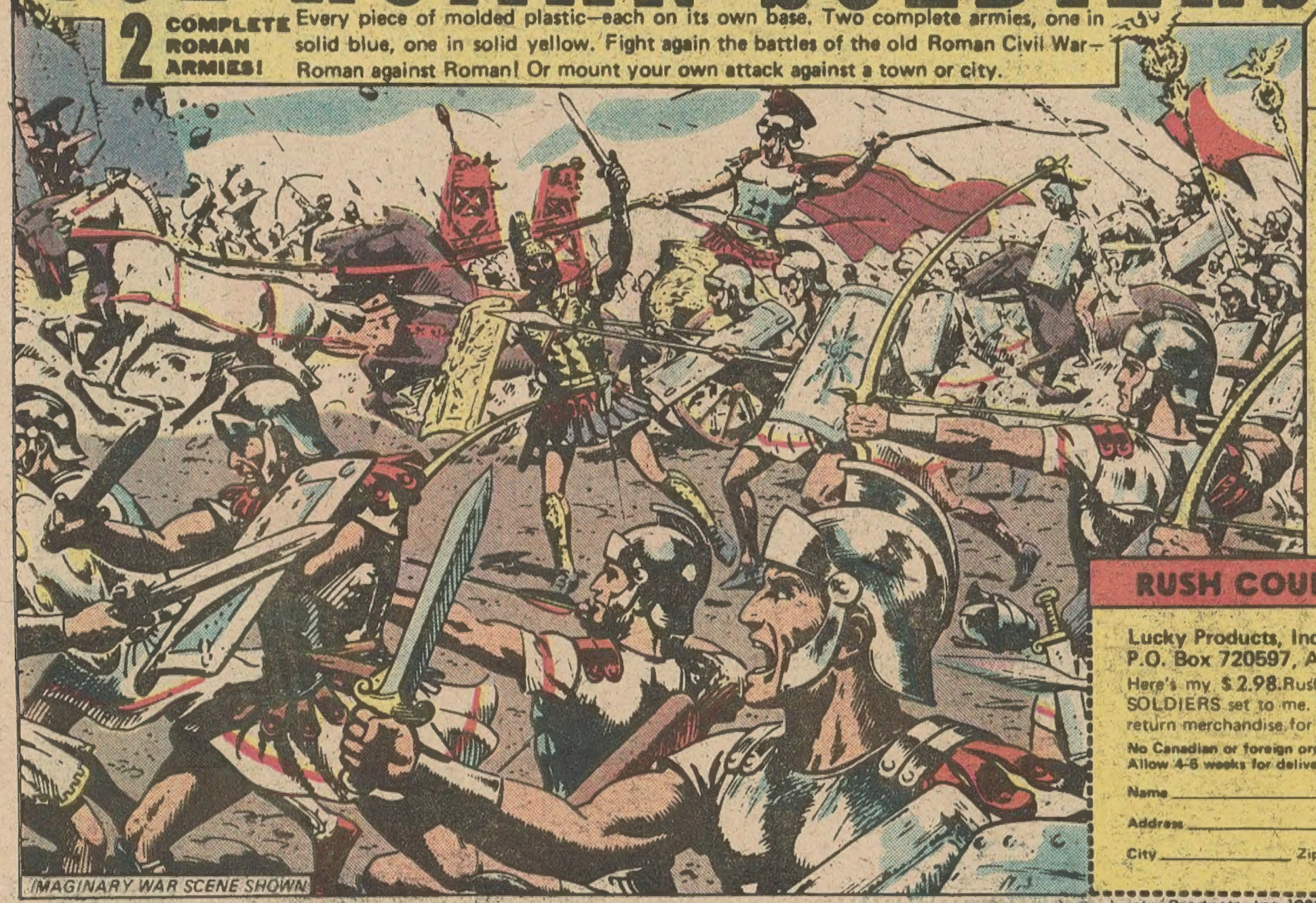

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